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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Lockhart Power Company for Authority to Adjust and Increase Its
Electric Rates and Charges
Docket No. 2021-183-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as the response of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to the Proposed Customer Bill Insert Timeline ("Timeline") filed by the Clerk's Office of the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") on June 9, 2021. The Timeline is based on the Application for an Adjustment of Rates and Charges of Lockhart Power Company ("Lockhart") being filed by June 29, 2021. However, Lockhart indicated in its response to the Timeline filed with the Commission today that it has not made a final decision regarding when it will file its Application. Lockhart further indicated that when a decision is made it will provide advance notice so the Commission can begin its planning process.

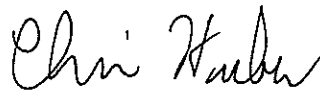
ORS respectfully requests that the Commission not finalize a procedural schedule until the filing date for the Application is known so as to not shorten the review and audit period for ORS and intervenors between the Application filing date and the evidentiary merits hearing on the Application. ORS supports Lockhart's request to hold the Timeline in abeyance until Lockhart notifies the Commission in advance of the date it plans to file the Application. Furthermore, ORS traditionally has sought to reach agreement on proposed procedural schedules with utilities in past rate proceedings. ORS respectfully requests an opportunity to attempt to reach an agreement with Lockhart and the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs on a procedural schedule to propose to the Commission once the filing date for the Application is known.

Should the Commission determine to proceed with setting a procedural schedule, ORS requests that the timeframe between Applicant Direct Testimony and Other Parties of Record

Direct Testimony be increased from the two weeks in the Timeline to a minimum of four weeks. ORS requests this be accomplished through a means other than shortening the rebuttal and surrebuttal timeframes. With respect to the Virtual Public Hearings for Customers indicated on the Timeline, ORS recommends at least one hearing or a portion of one hearing be in person, provided it can be done in a manner that complies with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”) safety guidance. ORS also supports the evidentiary merits hearing in this matter being in person with parties having the option to request that certain witnesses be allowed to appear virtually, again provided it can be done in a manner that complies with DHEC safety guidance.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter and for the opportunity to respond to the Timeline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Huber", written in a cursive style.

Christopher M. Huber

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)